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KC WOMAN INDICTED FOR METH, FIREARM VIOLATIONS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., woman was indicted by a federal grand jury today for narcotics and firearm violations.

Rebecca L. Alexander, 34, of Kansas City, was charged in a two-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Alexander** possessed with intent to distribute five grams or more of pure methamphetamine on Oct. 27, 2003.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Alexander** was in possession of a firearm during and in relation to a drug trafficking crime on Oct. 27, 2003. Under federal statutes, Graves explained, it is illegal for any person to be in possession of any firearm while engaged in a drug trafficking crime. The indictment alleges that **Alexander** was in possession of a High Point .380 caliber semi-automatic pistol while also in possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Bruce Rhoades. It was investigated by the Sugar Creek, Mo., Police Department, the Jackson County, Mo., Drug Task Force, the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department, the Metro Meth Drug Task Force and the Merriam, Kan., Police Department.

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